

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 17-36 are pending in this application. In the November 2, 2006 office action, the Examiner:

1. Objected to claims 17-36 as including certain deficiencies which could raise issues under 35 USC 112; and
2. Provided a summary of a telephonic interview.

In this response, applicant has amended claims 17, 21, 23, 24, and 30-32 to clarify the scope of the claims.

II. The Telephonic Interview

The Examiner has provided an accurate summary of the telephonic interview. Additional detail is identified in the remarks below.

III. Amendments

Claims 17, 21, 23, 24, and 30-32 have been amended. Claim 23 was amended to correct a clerical error. The remaining amendments incorporate modifications discussed during the telephonic interview.

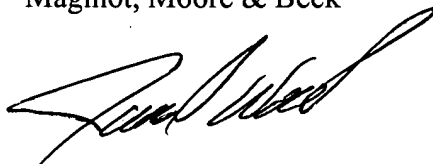
Specifically, claim 17 has been amended to clarify that the plurality of energy generation units are selected as a result of an auction as discussed during the telephonic interview. Additionally, claim 21 has been amended to include a limitation previously set forth in claim 24, and that limitation has been deleted from claim 24. Claim 30 has been

amended to include a case setup function and a feasibility test function which have been deleted from claim 31. Claim 30 has also been amended to include a security analysis function which has been deleted from claim 32.

VIII. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted the applicant has made a patentable contribution to the art. Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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